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**USG voter turnout increases this year**

Numbers influenced by awareness efforts

By **William Channell**  
Managing Editor

Those with an eye on University politics may have noticed an uptick in voter turnout in this year’s Undergraduate Student Government election.

Out of the 13,059 undergraduate students who received emails reminding them to vote, 2,234 responded. This is a 17.11 percent response rate, a sharp increase from last year’s roughly 11 percent response rate.

Bryant Miesle, who served this year as USG chief administrator, was the spearhead of USG election promotion.

As chief administrator, Miesle headed up the USG procedure and appeals board, which runs the election every year.

Miesle’s personal goal was getting at least a 15 percent response rate.

Much of what the procedure and appeals board did built on the practices of last year’s chief administrator and current USG Vice President Danielle Parker, Miesle said.

He said Parker was instrumental in “revolutionizing” the voting process.

“I thought she did a great job of kind of revolutionizing the process of voting, because this is only the second year that voting was done online through email,” he said. “I wanted to build upon that further.”

Kasie Durkit, who served as speaker of USG last year, said she was impressed with USG’s usage of social media in spreading awareness of the election.

“If you’re not utilizing that, you’re basically taking the old-fashioned route,” she said.

Much of their efforts, Miesle said, were centered around awareness efforts.

This included making candidates release platform statements to the student body and promotion of the presidential ticket debate.

“First and foremost I wanted to make sure everybody was educated about who they were voting for,” Miesle said.

Durkit and Miesle attributed the increased turnout largely to the fact that this was the first time in

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State of the City address includes five reports along with update on budget

By **Kathryne Rubright**  
City Editor

City leaders presented an optimistic view of Bowling Green at the State of the City address on Thursday.

“From my perspective, the story of Bowling Green, Ohio, in 2015 is a case study in how to get it right,” said Mayor Richard Edwards.

Bowling Green is getting it right due to its form of government, he said, which includes himself, a municipal administrator and a city council. Collaboration and partnership between various government, city and University enti-

ties is also essential.

The address, therefore, was not presented by one person. It included six reports, each “with a heavy emphasis on how we work together the BG way,” Edwards said.

Municipal Administrator John Fawcett began the reports with an update on Bowling Green’s budget.

“Overall I would say that we are stable and we’re able to provide the services that the citizens want and deserve,” he said.

This is despite the amount of money in the city’s general fund remaining steady rather than increasing. Though income tax revenue has been increasing post-



**Richard Edwards**  
Mayor of Bowling Green spoke at the State of the City

recession, he said, the general fund’s other sources have not. The state-funded local government fund in particular has decreased.

Bowling Green’s economy is “healthy and thriving,” said Sue Clark, executive director of Bowling Green Economic Development. There are increased job openings—to the point where companies have had to turn down

work due to not having enough labor to complete it.

Bowling Green’s downtown is another important aspect of its economy, said Barbara Ruland, executive director of Downtown Bowling Green. The downtown is like a “communal living room.”

She noted upcoming Downtown Bowling Green events, including Art Walk, Classics on Main and the farmer’s market.

City Council President Michael Aspacher outline council’s priorities for 2015: improving the East Wooster Street corridor, improving

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**FALCONS REUNITED**



Alumni gather to University for Golden Falcons Reunion

By **Lariel Turner**  
Reporter

Alumnus and alumnae who have been graduates of the University for 50 years or more were honored during the inaugural Golden Falcons Reunion.

The event recognized over 40 inductees on April 22 with a welcome reception and fair.

The Director of Philanthropic Communications and Stewardship in the Office of Marketing and Communications Terri Carroll worked alongside many others to bring the event to fruition.

“There are so many amazing stories. Almost anyone you sit down with will tell you how BG changed their life,” she said. “My job is to find those stories.”

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**FUTURE FALCONS ON ICE**



**KIDS FROM** all over Bowling Green practice junior hockey in the Ice Arena at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

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**TOMS holds One Day Without Shoes awareness event**

By **Nikita Lewis**  
Reporter

TOMS Campus Club celebrated its annual One Day Without Shoes tradition to raise awareness for the less fortunate.

They also are trying to educate students on campus about the TOMS movement and the impact it has on others.

Founder Rodrigo Patterson formed TOMS Campus Club at the end of spring 2013 after meeting a TOMS representative.

“I met a guy named David at ZiggyThon who worked for TOMS and he kind of gave me the idea of starting this organization and raising awareness for what TOMS is doing,” said

Patterson.

One Day Without Shoes began at 10 a.m., and ended at 2 p.m., on April 23.

“We will be in the Union Oval playing games, hanging out and having fun,” said Alissa Barwinsk, president elect.

“There is also an event called Barefoot Beatz where live acoustic music will be played and it was planned by the Student Event Planners Association, so I think it will be pretty cool.”

TOMS Campus Club also hosted an outdoor picnic that was sponsored by the Resident Student Association.

The club did raffles during the

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**FALCONS’ BEST BALL YET**

The Bowling Green baseball team is playing its best baseball of the season. Three straight MAC series wins have the Falcons climbing the conference standings. | **PAGE 7**



**STRAIGHT ALLIES**

Columnist Bryan Eberly talks about how important semantics are when one is a straight ally. He says it’s important for allies to be careful about what they say. | **PAGE 6**

**WHEN YOU BECOME AN ALUMNUS WHAT WILL BE YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY OF BG?**



“The MAC championship game because I got to travel with my school and friends.”  
**Vannessa Avalos**  
Sophomore, Biology





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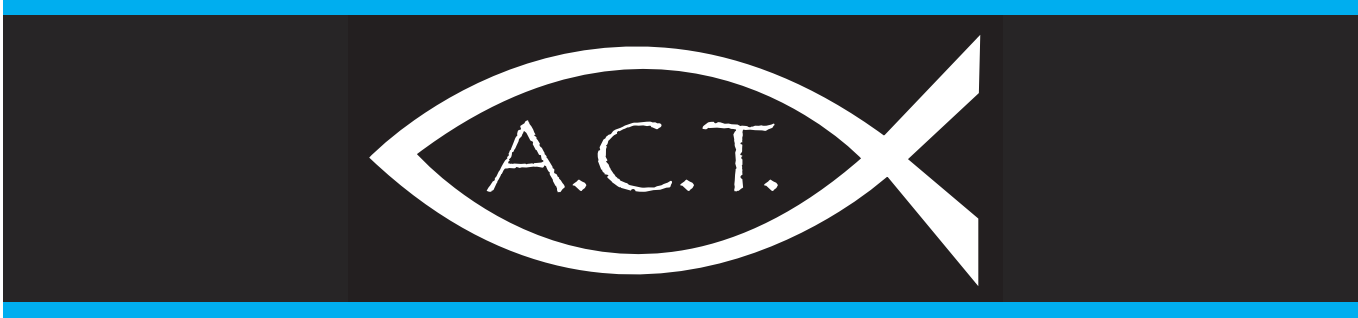


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Active Christians Today, located at 612 East Wooster, is a non-denominational campus ministry where the emphasis is on "a home away from home," says Dave Warner, pastor at ACT. "It has that feeling here."

Pastor Warner has been leading the ministry for 19 years, and along with his wife, Vicki, they strive to provide a welcoming and inviting environment for all students through ACT.

"My wife and I are at the age where a lot of students look to us as mom and dad," says Dave. "We do family meals together and trips together. We try to create that family-type atmosphere."

Of course the central mission of ACT is to provide a Christian ministry for students and help them establish or grow a relationship with Jesus Christ. ACT hosts an 8 p.m. Wednesday chapel service with contemporary worship music and a message usually led by Pastor Dave. Sunday nights at 7:30 p.m., currently at the ACT house, is evening fellowship for students, with an emphasis on community, meaning they hope to develop transparency between people to build relationships.

ACT also offers service projects and mission work throughout the year.

The ACT House on Wooster serves as the central area of activity for the ministry. It serves as a place of welcome for all students. Every day, Monday through Friday, the house opens its doors at 8 a.m. and stays open into

the evening "until the last person leaves," says Pastor Dave. The house features a full kitchen for student use, free Internet, cable TV, a quiet room and a remodeled garage that serves as an informal gathering place. To help introduce students to the ACT house, two food giveaways, featuring a cookout atmosphere, are hosted at Homecoming during the fall and the Friday before finals week in the spring

"We live in a really tough world and there is a lot of different voices out there demanding attention," he says.

"A lot of those voices are being about a sense or focus on self. The message of the Gospel, that of Jesus, is to love one another as I have loved you."

Pastor Dave sees the mission of ACT unchanging over the years, if not more important in today's world of social media.

"We live in a really tough world and there is a lot of different voices out there demanding attention," he says. "A lot of those voices are being about a sense or focus on self. The message of the Gospel, that of Jesus, is to love one another as I have loved you."

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“Thought-provoking” musical opens at University, brings challenges for cast members

By **Carlye Pollack**  
Reporter

Members of the Bowling Green community filled the Thomas B. and Kathleen M. Donnell Theatre on Wednesday night to watch the final dress rehearsal of the University’s production of “Urinetown.”

The comedic musical is about a future world where private toilets are banned by “The Urine Good Company,” forcing the public to pay to pee.

Jonathan Chambers is the director of the musical and also a professor in the Department of Theatre and Film.

He has been working with other faculty for the past six months on “Urinetown.”

When asked about his inspiration for choosing to cast this production, Chambers said he found a more underlying meaning behind the comedy.

“I’m interested in the play because it’s funny, but I also think it sort of raises some important and interesting things to think about,” Chambers said.

Ecological disaster, corporate greed and the power of the folly of revolution are just a few themes that are preformed to audience members.

Senior David Westmeyer, who was in attendance, was impressed with the underlying message of the musical as well.

“I thought it was super thought-provoking around the balance of greed and freedom, and I thought it was really cool to see how both are necessary,” Westmeyer said. “It was a great metaphor for real life and a lot of the struggles in the decisions we make on a day-to-day basis.”

The musical also features songs with choreographed dances, a level that Chambers has challenged his cast members to achieve.

“I think it’s a good play, it speaks to my 13-year-old self, but also my intellectual self,” Chambers said. “I think it holds together nicely, but beyond that, I think it offers really good challenges for our students.”

The 18 cast members have been rehearsing for the past eight weeks, alongside the backstage crew, stage management staff, costume designers and lighting designers.

Audience members were impressed with the actors, music, stage props and the way the actors were interacting with the crowd.

Junior Mackenzie Bowen was one of the many students who enjoyed what the production had to offer.

“For my theater and film class we are required to go to two shows,” Bowen said. “I was on the edge about going, but I’m glad I did; it surpassed my expectations.”

For those interested in attending the musical, shows will be April 23, 24 and 25 at 8 p.m. and April 25 and 26 at 2 p.m. in the Wolfe Center.









PEOPLE ON THE STREET When you become an alumnus what will be your favorite memory of BG?



**MIKE BRYCE**  
Senior,  
Jazz Studies and Psychology

“That one time I was interviewed for People on the Street. Good times.”



**SHANNON TURNER**  
Freshman,  
Forensic Biology

“My friends I’ve met through H2O Church.”



**ALLEA STEFAN**  
Sophomore,  
Psychology

“The opening weekend of my freshman year because it was the start of my college experience.”



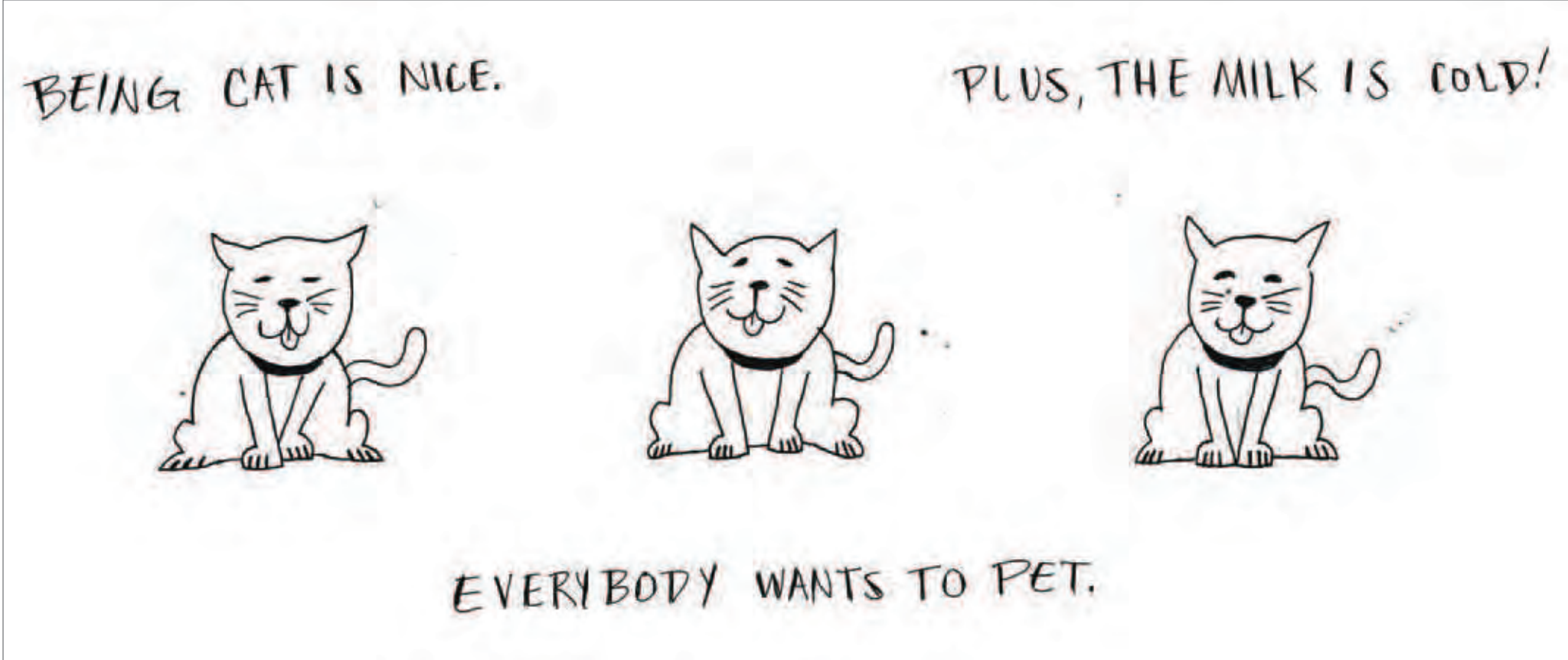
**JORDAN MARSMAN**  
Junior,  
Communications

“Starting up the surf club was pretty wicked.”

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HUMBLE HAIKU CAT



ZACH NELSON

People who consider themselves LGBTQ+ allies should show full support, be wary of semantics

I’d like to address the “straight allies” with today’s column.

Heterosexual friends, how much of an ally do each of you consider yourself to be? Do you support all equal rights under the law regardless of sexual orientation? Do you regard gay people as human beings deserving of equal treatment regardless of religious doctrine or personal moral code? Do you accept these things unconditionally?

If you do, great! This gay man thanks you for the support. I love you, too.

But for those who hesitated answering those three simple questions, I have news for you. You are not an ally. You are part of the problem.

For a sharp example, I wish to bring up the most hurtful words I have ever heard addressed to me or about me in my presence.

“This is my gay friend, Bryan.” “I’m so happy I have a gay friend.” “Everybody needs to have a gay friend!” Or some variation therein.

News flash: I am not an object. While the phrase seems innocuous and innocent, loving and playful even, it is in fact quite painful to be addressed as or referred to as a thing.

Putting the word “gay” in front of the word “friend” immediately puts a person into an absurd



**BRYAN EBERLY**  
COLUMNIST

idea of being a collectible [this also applies to any distinctive quality of a person, i.e, black friend, Jewish friend, Muslim friend, amputee friend, etc.]

I am not a collectible. If I am your friend, it better be because of my friendship and not my sexuality.

And the second phrase I hear which threatens to make my ears bleed goes along the lines of: “I support such-and-such for gay people, but...”

Nothing you say after the “but” will be at all legitimate or justified. Because you don’t actually believe the first clause of what you’re trying to say. You’ve introduced a condition for people to have and maintain a right and therefore imply that you acknowledge there are moments when you would not allow a person to enjoy their rights.

Support for human rights or civil rights are not measured in degrees or percentages. You cannot support someone 75 percent.

You either do or you don’t. So, the only thing you should say on the matter is “I support such-

“If you consider yourself an ally of marginalized people of any sort, consider how strong your support is.”

and-such” or “I do not support such-and-such.” You cannot have it both ways.

If you consider yourself an ally of marginalized people of any sort, consider how strong your support is. Ask the important questions I stated before and monitor the language you use when discussing said topics. Don’t fall in the trap of calling people objects and don’t try to express your support through percentages.

And if any of this confuses you, go internal and consider just how well you understand the issues at play.

Discover the point of ignorance and defeat it.

I wish I could say it’s just the thought that counts and perhaps I’m putting too much emphasis on semantics here. But that’s the thing. Words mean things.

Do you know what you mean when you say them?

Respond to Bryan at [thenews@bgnews.com](mailto:thenews@bgnews.com)

Obesity not the biggest issue in America, worse problems need to be addressed by government

“Obesity is a threat to our national security.”

This is what I heard someone from the military tell CNN’s Carol Costello Monday morning while I ate my Taco Bell breakfast. Of all the things the media tells us are threats to our national security [ISIS, Al-Qaeda, North Korea], obesity makes that list, as well.

According to Costello, of the 195,000 young men and women who signed up for the military, 123,000 were disqualified. Ten percent of them were disqualified for being overweight. And to be quite honest, I just had to laugh.

The fact that young people are [as Costello called it] “too fat to fight” is hilariously ironic to me.

Do you know why the National School Lunch Program exists in the United States? It was signed into law in 1946 by former President Harry Truman in response to the number of men who were being rejected from the military to fight during World War II.

The problem was obvious—the now grown men who wanted [or were drafted] to fight for their country didn’t get the nutrition they needed growing up and the government wanted to



**ERIKA HECK**  
COLUMNIST

fix that. But the motivation they had to create this project was brought about only because the military was having an enrollment issue. Which is exactly what’s happening right now, with obesity and the military.

Am I saying obesity isn’t a national issue? Absolutely not. However, I do think the military could stand to lose 10 percent of their volunteers.

Twenty-seven cents of our tax dollars goes toward the military, according to the National Priorities Project. That’s more than education [2.5 cents], food and agriculture [5 cents] and veterans benefits [5.8 cents].

And before we can make any more civilians into soldiers, our government should be taking better steps to help soldiers who are becoming veterans.

Almost 20 million veterans are living in the United States today, but military jobs and training aren’t very transferable into the civilian workplace. A lot of veterans are also homeless because of their inability to compete in the workplace. And while Veteran

Affairs does indeed help, it does not help enough.

And it’s not like steps aren’t being taken to help tackle obesity in America. First Lady Michelle Obama has been a frontrunner to helping childhood obesity, which could indeed be beneficial to the future of military recruitment.

Even the military personnel who spoke on CNN said that Army recruiters have also become fitness coaches, helping those wanting to enlist lose weight [and please note, your 27 cents does indeed help pay for this to happen]. If they don’t lose the weight with the recruiter, they’re sent to a boot camp, where some succeed, but many don’t.

Obesity in the United States is indeed a growing trend, but it would help American society a great deal if the media stopped treating it as if it’s the biggest problem American society has.

And again, don’t get me wrong. Obesity is an important issue, especially when it comes to the military. Soldiers should be in tip-top shape to fight for our country and the freedoms we have as American citizens.

But a national security crisis? Doubtful.

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# HITTING THEIR STRIDE



## Team statistics over its past three MAC series'

6-3 MAC record  
7.67 runs scored per game  
Batting averages of starting defensive lineup:

C	Trey Keegan	— .375
1B	Randy Righter	— .265
2B	Brandon Howard	— .414
SS	Brian Bien	— .375
3B	Greg Basalyga	— .226
LF	Matt Smith	— .324
CF	Kory Brown	— .343
RF	Jesse Rait	— .353

Bowling Green baseball team gets most complete weekend of pitching, wins keep coming

By **Brandon Shrider**  
Sports Editor

The Bowling Green baseball team is hitting its late-season stride. The poor start was well-documented, one to forget and appeared to be a bit too lofty to overcome. But the team just turned in its most complete weekend of pitching while still playing acceptable offense and defense to put them in the Mid-American Conference conversation. After losing their first two MAC series' — getting swept by Ball State before losing two of three to Northern Illinois — the Falcons have won their last three MAC series' and are inching closer to a .500 record in the MAC. While the road continues to get tougher, BG has worked its way into sole possession of fourth place in the MAC East while sitting in seventh of 12 teams overall. Part of this success has come in part because of the chip the team has had on its shoulder since February. "A lot of people are counting us out this year, but if we come out and play hard, we'll be fine," said Brandon Howard earlier this season.

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## BG softball team looks to continue hot streak at home

Falcons try to keep good state of mind, hope to use weekend to build on their recent momentum

By **Aaron Parker**  
Assistant Sports Editor

After sweeping their last opponent at Meserve Field, the Bowling Green softball team will play four Mid-American Conference games at home this weekend. The team is scheduled for a doubleheader against Kent State on Friday and then single games against Buffalo on Saturday and Sunday. After their last match up against Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, the Falcons moved to 16-23 overall and 5-9 in the MAC. That is good enough for fifth in the east division, one spot better than last placed Buffalo. At the top of the east division sits Kent State with an overall record of 31-11 and a conference record of 9-4. The Falcons will look to build on their momentum and improve their seeding before the beginning of the MAC tournament, which is now less than two weeks away.

After the improved showing against the Mastodons, head coach Shannon Salsburg believes that this weekend will give them an opportunity to do just that. "This is a huge weekend for us. Coming off of our sweep of IPFW, I believe we are heading into the weekend in a good state of mind," Salsburg said. "The key to both series will be to find a way to win the 'tougher innings'. If we can do that, we will give ourselves an opportunity to win each pitch, inning and game." Against Kent State, the Falcons lose in every major category on the stat sheet except one. The Falcons are behind by a significant amount in batting average, hits, home runs and RBI's. They are behind by just seven in doubles and are tied in triples with seven. Against the lower seeded Buffalo, the Falcons still lose out in a number of categories. The Bulls are ahead in batting average .276 to .259, hits 308 to



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**MOLLY HOLLIDAY** looks toward home plate while running the bases in a home game at Meserve Field earlier this season.



# Timing of Scott Brooks’ firing terrible, unwarranted

I don’t find myself often agreeing with Michael Smith of ESPN, but today and for the last few days I have.

I have to agree that the firing of Oklahoma City coach Scott Brooks was a load of crap.

Now, I will be the first person to say that Scott Brooks is not a championship winning coach, so I’m not arguing that he shouldn’t have been fired.

What I am arguing though, is that if Sam Presti — Oklahoma City’s GM — even for a second put this season into consideration he made the wrong decision.

What has Sam Presti done to help Scott Brooks? That’s right, he just traded away James Harden one year after losing to LeBron James in the finals.

But let’s get past that, the next two years were on Scott Brooks. I don’t care that Westbrook got hurt in the playoffs, not getting past the conference semi finals is a failure.

The next year in the 2013-



**Cameron Teague**  
Editor-In-Chief

2014 season they failed to get past the Spurs with a healthy Durant and Westbrook.

By then, five years into his position he failed to win a championship, not because he didn’t have the talent, but because he wasn’t a great coach. You can’t win on talent in the Western Conference you have to be a great coach. So what do you do as Sam Presti? You fire him, right then and there, but no, he didn’t, he gave him another year.

In a story written by Andrew Gillman of Fox Sports Southwest after the announcement Sam Presti was quoted saying, “We could not make this decision about the past. We have to be in position to believe those results can be sustained and we have to adapt and continue to build.”

Oh really, Presti, I won-

der why this isn’t about the past? Maybe because you messed up and realized you should have fired Scott Brooks two years ago if you wanted to continue to build.

It’s not like there weren’t coaches available, I’m pretty sure Mark Jackson would have taken this job. Better yet, why wasn’t Presti thinking about this when Steve Kerr was an option for the Knicks and Warriors? Oh yeah, that’s right, Presti screwed up, he wanted to give Brooks another shot.

So, let’s look at the “next” shot Brooks received.

Brooks may have gotten the least lucky last season a coach has ever had. Durant, who people forget is one of the two best scorers in the NBA, played just 27 games. Not to mention Durant missed the entire first month and last month of the season.

Russell Westbrook, who is the most explosive point guard in the NBA, missed the first 16 games of the season.

Then there was Serge

“[Scott] Brooks is in no way a championship winning coach ...”

Ibaka, who is one of the most underrated third pieces in the NBA, missed the last 19 games of the season.

All together those three played a total of 27 out of 82 games together this season and totaled a record of 18-9.

Then he got thrown another curveball, Presti decided to bring in new players across the board. The addition of Dion Waiters and Enes Kanter are two good acquisitions, but add that to the injuries they had and it’s hard to get chemistry going.

Throughout all of that Brooks found a way to keep this team together and get them to a record of 45-37, one double clutch Anthony Davis three away from the playoffs.

You can’t fault Brooks for what he did this year, [and] for Sam Presti to even con-

sider this season when firing Brooks is awful. If you want to fire somebody that’s fine, but don’t come out and say that it wasn’t about the past. That is a stupid excuse.

Brooks is in no way a championship winning coach, everyone who has followed the Thunder knows that, so fire him after the 2013-2014 season. Or even better, come out and say he hasn’t produced in the last five seasons, but don’t fire him because he was dealt a bad hand this season.

But it’s done and now Sam Presti’s entire image relies on this next hire. A GM who has done a pretty magical job so far could be thought of by screwing up this change.

If the Thunder are knocked out in the second round things will go south very quick.

Though the Thunder aren’t playing right now, this may be the most important few weeks this organization has faced since they moved to Oklahoma City.

## SOFTBALL

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260, doubles 56 to 41 and RBI’s 148 to 125. The lead is less significant in home runs, which Buffalo leads by two. The Falcons take the edge in triples by four.

Last time out, the Falcons showed that they could put on a show on the mound. Sophomore Briana Combs threw a complete-game one-hitter in a 2-0 win. That came right after she earned a save in a game that the Falcons won 9-7.

Bowling Green will also look to keep up their hitting numbers, something that they have been struggling with all year. In their last two games, the Falcons recorded 12 and 10 hits each. That was the first time since April 13 that the team recorded double digit hit totals.

The doubleheader begins at 1 p.m. against Kent State on Friday. This is the last home stand for the Falcons this year.

## BASEBALL

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The success has come from more than just bulletin board material however.

The x’s and o’s have begun to come together a bit more consistently for the Falcons, while executing the three phases of the game more often from game to game.

Over the weekend, Falcons’ starting pitchers conceded just a combined two earned runs over 22.2 innings, good for a 0.81 ERA. This has helped alleviate the tension to play perfect in the field while trying to fill the scoreboard game in and game out.

The offense hasn’t faded all too much either.

During the same weekend series against Western Michigan, the Falcons accumulated 31 hits while pushing 19 runs across. The team struck out just 13 times over the three-game span, too. This includes 11 sacrifice hits and no homeruns, a calling card

for the style of baseball that BG intended to play this season.

“We’re taking advantage of opportunities, advancing baserunners and doing the little things that we need to do to score runs,” said head coach Danny Schmitz.

BG is looking to continue this trend into the weekend with a big three-game series against first-place Central Michigan, Schmitz said.

With just 15 games remaining on their 50-game schedule, the Falcons understand that their best baseball must be consistently put on the field. With legitimate MAC championship aspirations, the Falcons must continue its recent winning trend.

“Starting this weekend at Central Michigan, every game matters the rest of the way,” Schmitz said. “CMU will be tough to beat on their home turf. We must execute in all three phases and play with great energy to give ourselves a chance this weekend.”



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**BOWLING GREEN** mayor Richard Edwards cuts the ribbon at the unveiling of the Black Swamp Preserve on Wednesday.

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# Black Swamp Preserve unveiling on Earth Day

By Meg Kraft  
Reporter

Residents of Bowling Green, Mayor Richard Edwards and elementary school students came to the unveiling of the Black Swamp Preserve on Wednesday morning.

The Black Swamp, a wetland in Ohio, is the remains of a Wisconsin glacier that covered the state 20,000 years ago according to HistoricPerryburg.org.

It was once composed of various marshes, dry ground and dense forests.

The Black Swamp had its environmental benefits, but the mosquito-infested wetland began to spread disease among early settlers, which led farmers to begin draining it in the 1800s.

Years of draining the swamp left behind appealing fertile farmland.

The fast-tracking development of rural Ohio is what inclined the Black Swamp

Preserve to go into effect.

The preserve, implemented after ten years of planning, is the result of an Ohio recreational trails grant and Clean Ohio Fund. It covers 65.7 acres of land.

The Black Swamp Preserve plan states that the preserve exists to protect what is left of The Black Swamp and rehabilitate the natural environment within the city.

The preserve is expected to benefit the city and residents in various ways.

Bob Callecod, interim director of the Bowling Green Parks and Recreation Department, said the Black Swamp Preserve reduced the city's operating costs by fixing water run-off issues.

"The whole reason this project got started was because this part of town doesn't drain well," he said. "The Wood County Park District and the city started working together in terms of reducing costs of build-

ing water retention systems. This is just a natural way to keep the water in the area and enhance vegetation naturally."

Callecod said the preserve has saved the city from paying for the manufacturing of retention ponds.

Ann Beck, president of Bowling Green Parks and Recreation, said the preserve will help residents connect to the Slippery Elm trail and get away from the city.

Beck said resource preservation is incredibly important in Ohio.

"Ohio has a long history of being raped and pillaged. This is another small portion and piece of helping the whole state take back some land and turn it back to the way it was," she said.

Mayor Edwards said the preserve has brought park programs together, and reflects Bowling Green's overall commitment to nature.

"The neat thing about this is the Bowling Green Parks and Recreation program is working with the Wood County Park District, so these two entities have come together and that's what we're celebrating," he said.

Edwards said the city has a long-standing commitment to preserving green space and giving residents and visitors the ability to enjoy nature.

He also stated that this year marks 35 years in a row that Bowling Green has been named Ohio's Tree City USA.

"There are not many Ohio cities that can match that record. We're very proud of that," he said.

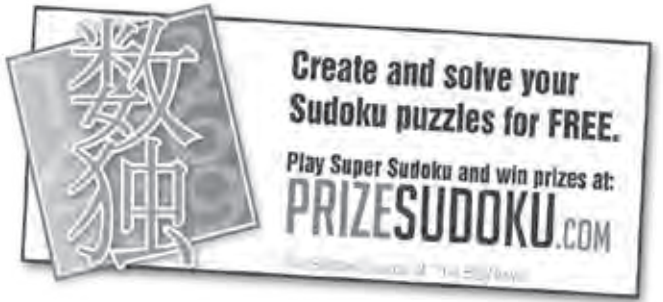
Edwards and students from Kenwood and Montessori Elementary School, with scissors in hand, cut the ribbon to mark the implementation of the Black Swamp preserve.

"What better day to do this than Earth Day?" Edwards said.

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## TOMS

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event and the money that was raised from the raffle tickets will go back to buying two pairs of TOMS to give away to two people who bought tickets.

"We're giving away TOMS, so in that way we're actually participating in the TOMS cause on One Day Without Shoes because two people are provided with free shoes," Patterson said.

During the week the club hosted several other events.

On Monday, April 20, the club had its kickoff event, Leave Your Falcon Footprint, where students painted their feet and then placed them on T-shirts. Students also learned about the health issues of going barefoot while enjoying music and snacks.

On Wednesday, April 22, the organization painted

"People assume, shoes, everyone has them, but for some people that is not the case."

Alissa Barwinski |  
TOMS President Elect

the rock behind the Wolfe Center.

Barwinski encourages students to participate because it will give students a better understanding of how to improve children's lives.

"You don't know a person until you walk a mile in their shoes, but just like you know these kids who do not have shoes," she said. "People assume, shoes, everyone has them, but for some people that is not the case."

For a full list of events hosted by the TOMS Campus Club this week, visit [tomsbg.com](http://tomsbg.com).

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**LECIE PAREDES** sings "Valerie" by Amy Winehouse at Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia's inaugural Greek Idol.

# Phi Mu Alpha puts on first Greek Idol

By **Lindsey Meyer**  
Reporter

The Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia fraternity hosted a Greek Idol contest this past Wednesday night. Anyone was able to enter to win and the event was to raise money for the fraternity's philanthropies.

There were two categories participants could enter to perform in, The Best and The Funniest.

Five participants were in The Best category, while only one was in The Funniest.

Paramore, Amy Winehouse, Jimmy Buffet and Carrie Underwood were among some of the artists that participants chose to sing songs from.

"I liked the variety that there was," said junior Melanie Isenogle. "I liked the different categories they had and everyone was very talented."

Each participant chose something completely different to sing and there was a wide range of talent.

"The participant in the funny category was one of my favorites, it changed things up a bit," Isenogle said.

Judges critiqued each performance, and at the end tallied up who the winners would be.

The winners were Alex Taylor for Funniest and Audrey Lee in Best. They each won a microphone trophy and a \$15 gift card to Collegiate Connection.

"This was the first official event for our Adopt a School program. We started an after school program to work with school districts to help raise money for their music programs," said Eric Juzkiw, coordinator of the event.

10 percent of proceeds are also going to Heifer International, a philan-

thropy based on teaching sustainable survival for underprivileged families in other countries.

"It was really good to see the community come together to support the chapters and also all of the philanthropies they are donating proceeds to," said senior Kyle Hourigan.

This was the first Greek Idol that Phi Mu Alpha has put together, Juzkiw said.

"This event helps promote what Greek life is about and what they do, [and] because we are a music fraternity this really demonstrates what we are all about," said Juzkiw.

At the end of the event everyone was cheering loudly and seemed to be enjoying themselves.

"I would recommend Phi Mu Alpha hosting Greek Idol again. It is a great philanthropy for them to have and this event was very fitting for them," said Isenogle.

## The Daily Crossword Fix

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22 Singsongy "This is an uncomfortable moment"

24 "Yeah, right!"

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29 Cash crop for the southern American colonies

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34 Elbow's locale

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55 Baseball Hall of Famer Satchel

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64 Scottish hat

65 Beatty of film

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1 "Drat!"

5 On the agenda

11 \_-at-ease

14 Melville's "Typee" sequel

15 Writer de Beauvoir

16 Mop & \_ : cleaning brand

17 "Fluffy" carnival treat

19 Restroom, briefly

20 "Attack, Rover!"

21 Sworn \_ : given the oath of office for

22 First-class

23 ""West Side Story" film actress

26 Free of charge

30 "Tut!" kin

31 Puerto \_

32 Slanted print: Abbr.

36 Mark who created Tom Sawyer

40 ""You first," facetiously

43 '70s-'80s Egyptian president Anwar

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45 38-Down and others: Abbr.

46 "Proud Mary" band, for short

48 Has had enough

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57 Spanish painter Francisco

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64 Discussing the job with colleagues, and what the last words of the answers to starred clues seem to be doing

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67 Claim without proof

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